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IN RECOGNITION OF MR. EDWARD CRAWFORD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Edward Crawford to acknowledge his receipt of the Walks of Life Award from the Irish American Archive Society.

Mr. Crawford was raised in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He has since become a leader in Cleveland's business sector. Edward began his career as a salesman for Island Steel while enrolled in night school at John Carroll University. In 1962, he founded the Cleveland Steel Container, a company that produced paint cans. Just two years later, in 1964, Crawford established his own investing company, the Crawford Group. In 1992, he became the chairman and chief executive officer for Park-Ohio Industries. Mr. Crawford was named the Ohio Small Businessman of the Year by the Small Business Association in 1969.

Mr. Crawford has also served on the boards of numerous companies throughout his career including Arden Industrial Products, Continental Conveyor & Equipment Company, Continental Crushing & Conveying, Inc., Resilience Capital Partners LLC and Beech Technology Systems, Inc.

In addition to his career, Mr. Crawford has continuously served the Cleveland community. Just several years ago, he led a four year, \$400,000 renovation of the Irish Cultural Garden.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Edward Crawford as he is honored by the Irish American Archive Society.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. GRACE VIRGINIA RICHARDSON HUMPHREY CUTTS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring mentor, beloved educator, respected community leader and a trans-generational pillar in Dawson, Georgia—Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts. On Saturday, March 3, 2012, Mrs. Cutts will be honored at an event celebrating her 100th birthday. This highly anticipated event will be attended by Mrs. Cutts' family members, friends, former colleagues, well-wishers and former students.

Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts was born on March 2, 1912 in Dawson, Georgia to Walter Revenna Richardson and Clara Louise Cochran Richardson. As a 92-year member of the Adoration Temperance Obedience Charity African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Dawson, Georgia, Mrs. Cutts is a woman who has been guided by her strong moral convictions and Christian faith. As a tenured member of Adoration Temperance Obedience Charity AME Church, Mrs. Cutts has served as the church pianist, secretary and a stewardess.

Mrs. Cutts was raised in the rural South in the 1920s, a period in our nation's history in which most African-Americans had limited opportunities to pursue their educational dreams. Despite the numerous societal challenges that lay in her path, Mrs. Cutts would go on to graduate from Allen Normal and Industrial High School. After she obtained her high school diploma, Mrs. Cutts enrolled in Georgia Normal and Agricultural College and graduated from the institution in 1949.

Understanding the importance of a quality education, Mrs. Cutts served as a teacher for 45 years. As an instructor, Mrs. Cutts helped generations of young scholars reach their full potential and obtain excellent educations. Even in retirement, Mrs. Cutts continued to serve as a mentor and tutor for young students in her community.

Mrs. Cutts has achieved numerous successes in her life, but none of this would have been possible without the support of her late first husband Calvin Homer Humphrey; late second husband Sammie Lee Cutts; late son Calvin Walter Humphrey; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mrs. Cutts has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Cutts has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mrs. Grace Virginia Richardson Humphrey Cutts as she and her family prepares to celebrate her 100th birthday.

On a personal note, I would like to not only congratulate Mrs. Cutts on becoming a distinguished centenarian but also express my profound gratitude to her for her outstanding contributions to America's education system and her principled advocacy on behalf of our nation's students.

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with more than 60 of my colleagues of the Congressional Kidney Caucus in support of the goals and ideals of National Kidney Month which begins tomorrow.

Each year, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases as well as leading kidney care organizations recognize and celebrate March as National Kidney Month to promote public awareness, education, screening and detection throughout the nation.

Currently, more than 31 million Americans are affected by Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and millions more are at risk. Kidney Disease is the slow loss of kidney function over time and, if left untreated, gradually progresses to end-stage renal disease marked by the complete loss of kidney function. While there is no cure for CKD, proper lifelong treatment can slow the onset of kidney failure and help control the symptoms of this devastating disease.

Recently named the eighth leading cause of death in the United States by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 570,000 Americans currently rely on hemodialysis or a kidney transplant for their survival.

The Congressional Kidney Caucus, which was established in 2002, has partnered with a number of kidney organizations to promote policies that benefit patients with kidney disease and provide Members and their staff the most comprehensive, up-to-date information related to this disease.

Throughout the month of March, the Caucus supports the thousands of kidney advocates and groups that are expected to visit Capitol Hill to discuss their experiences and advocate for enhanced patient care, research and public education and prevention.

In the spirit of National Kidney Month, I encourage my fellow Members of Congress to participate in these events on Capitol Hill and events hosted in their districts and to consider joining the Congressional Kidney Caucus in support of these efforts. Please have your staff reach out to my office if you are interested in the schedule of events or if you are interested in joining the Caucus.

IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER KATHLEEN KILBANE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sister Kathleen Kilbane and to